

Office of Governor Mitch Daniels



Weekly Wrap-up

A look at news and events in the Daniels Administration

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250 new jobs headed to Wayne County

(August 21) Dot Foods, Inc., the largest food redistributor in the U.S., announced it would open a new distribution hub in Cambridge City.

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Governor Daniels in Wayne County for the Dot Foods announcement.



Governor's Update

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Nestlé breaks ground at future Anderson production site

(August 22) State and city officials joined Nestlé USA executives to officially break ground at the site where Nestlé will open a new production facility and distribution center.

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Indiana economic development efforts set new records

(August 23) The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) released their performance data for 2006, which shows that the agency has surpassed 2005 commitments for job creation and private capital investment.

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Honda car plant helps pace state's record job-lure year

By Niki Kelly

The Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

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INDIANAPOLIS – State economic development officials trumpeted a record year Wednesday, releasing data that show they surpassed 2005 records with four months left in the calendar year.

"The numbers say it all," Indiana Secretary of Commerce Michael S. Maurer said. "We are closing a competitive deal every other day. We can operate very close to a for-profit business model. We can move fast."

Maurer runs the Indiana Economic Development Corp., a quasi-governmental agency charged with spearheading the state's economic development efforts.

He bragged in a news conference overflowing with non-media members that they have received commitments for 15,722 new jobs, compared to 15,407 for all of 2005.

Of the new jobs, 2,067 are the result of a new Honda assembly plant in Greensburg.

The Honda plant also no doubt pushed up the amount companies have committed to investing in the state, which is \$3.9 billion. Honda accounts for \$550 million.

That is up from \$2.7 billion last year.

The IEDC hasn't closed as many deals – 124 this year compared to 142 in 2005 – but has seen an increase in the average wage promised for the future jobs.

Last year the annual average was \$34,727 or \$16 an hour, and this year it has jumped to \$43,207 or almost \$21 an hour.

The Honda jobs are expected to pay an average of \$15.64 an hour.

Overall, the state has promised \$238 million in tax and training incentives to companies.

"The operating environment in the state of Indiana is very much improved," said R.J. Reynolds of Toyota.

Pat Kiely, president of the Indiana Manufacturers Association, said state officials have passed many tax credits and changes to the regulatory scheme in the last three or four years that are now paying dividends.

"We're the gem in the Midwest," he said. "Much has been accomplished. Much is still needed to be done."

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